



## SOUTH FORK PILOT FEE PROJECT · 1999 PUBLIC REPORT

1998 COLLECTIONS: \$27,960.65  
1997 CARRYOVER: \$ 4,281.80  
AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$32,242.48

### 1999 PROJECTS AND EXPENDITURES (from 1997 carryover and 1998 collections)

<b>Administrative Costs</b> (envelopes, locks, miscellaneous supplies)	\$3,500
<b>Seasonal Recreation Technician</b> (two workmonths @ \$2,000 per workmonth)	4,000
<b>Maintenance Contracts</b> (offset the cost of vault pumping, trash dumpsters, ramp cleaning)	4,000
<b>Conant Access Gravel Bar Removal</b> (remove 1200 yards of gravel blocking the boat access)	6,000
<b>Spring Creek Boat Access</b> (enlarge parking, complete concrete work around new restrooms)	1,500
<b>Fullmer Boat Access</b> (concrete surface of existing boat ramp)	600
<b>Palisades Creek Boat Access</b> (new vault toilets, security lights, host site in upper parking area)	6,000
Note: The total cost of this project was \$32,000. The fee project working group used \$6,000.00 from the fee system, acquired another \$6,000.00 from the Jackson Hole One-fly Foundation, and applied for a \$20,000 Idaho Waterway Grant to fund this project.	
<b>Palisades Dam Boat Access</b> (widen existing ramp, install security light)	3,300
<b>Conant Boat Access</b> (add a new bench to the preparation area)	300
<b>Fullmer Boat Access</b> (seed money for new restrooms in year 2000)	3,000

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### COMMON COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

The compliance rate last year on the South Fork was 89% — one of the highest rates of any fee program in the nation. However, we issued 1,170 education/warning notices to people who were not in compliance. The following reminders may help you avoid a warning or a violation notice this coming season.

- If you purchase a daily fee permit, you must **DATE** the stub and display it on your dash in such a manner that the **DATE** and not just the stub is visible from outside the vehicle. The majority of our warnings went to people who had paid the fee, but did not display their stub or date in a visible manner.
- Season passes must be displayed on the rear view mirror. Again, make sure it can be seen from outside the vehicle. Sorry about the material defect problem last summer! That will not occur again this season.

- In general, if you use the facilities or park in any of the six fee sites, you are required to pay a fee.
- If you park one vehicle at Conant and leave another one at Byington, you must pay the fee for both vehicles. (Suggestion: buy the two for \$45.00 season pass package).
- If you launch (or park) at Byington and go down river, you are still required to pay the daily fee.
- If you launch from an informal or private site where fees are not charged and someone shuttles your vehicle to a site where fees are charged, you are still required to pay the daily fee and display a permit receipt or season pass in that vehicle. If one of the two are not displayed when your vehicle arrives or is parked, you may receive a warning or a violation notice.
- When you pay for a vehicle at one site, your pass is good, for that day, at the other five sites.
- We discovered last season that many boaters use multiple vehicles to complete their shuttle. Some users park temporarily at Byington while they shuttle another vehicle to Conant. In response to concerns, we have designated a "FREE" 2-hour parking area at Byington to accommodate the temporary user. The designated area is for shuttle driver vehicles only.
- The bottom line folks: If any of your vehicles are in any fee site parking area, they must have a visible, dated permit stub or season pass. If they do not, chances are good you will receive a warning or violation notice.

Help us save time and paper! Take a few extra seconds and make sure you're in compliance!

### **THE 1999 FEE PROGRAM**

The daily fee is still \$3.00 per vehicle per day. As in 1998 there are two season pass options. You may buy one (1) pass for \$30.00 or two (2) passes for \$45.00. Passes are transferable between vehicles, but the pass is good only for the vehicle in which it is displayed. Season passes go on sale May 3, 1999, and are available at:

**Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center** (523-1012)

**Palisades Ranger District Office** (523-1412)

**BLM's Idaho Falls Office** (524-7500)

**Byington Boat Access** (the host is off Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Conant Boat Access** (the recreation technician is off Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and will usually be working at other sites after noon on the other four days).

We installed an automated fee machine at the Conant Boat Access. Day and season passes are available 24 hours a day. Passes may be purchased by cash or credit card. If you purchase a season pass, the machine will provide you with a receipt that functions as a temporary pass (valid for 10 days). If you bought the two passes for \$45.00 option, just tear off the bottom of the receipt for your second pass. Save the temporary pass for verification and contact the technician at Conant (if available) or call the Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center at (208) 523-1012 to receive your permanent Season Pass.

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS...**

The county, state, and federal agencies responsible for the fee program are devoted to developing a system that works for South Fork boaters and recreationists. Please phone Wade Brown at (208) 524-7543 or e-mail him at [Wade\\_Brown@blm.gov](mailto:Wade_Brown@blm.gov) if you have suggestions, questions, or would like to voice concerns.